



**A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE
BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154
ARTICLE III DIVISION 3 SECTIONS 154-111
AND 154-112 (WATER RATES AND
CHARGES) AND CHAPTER 154 ARTICLE V
DIVISION 3 SECTIONS 154-276 AND 154-277
(SEWER RATES AND CHARGES) TO
INCREASE THE WATER AND SEWER
RATES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA,
GEORGIA TO BE CHARGED ALL
RESIDENTS, PREMISES, AND FACILITIES
SERVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER
SYSTEM OF THE CITY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS THE City of Atlanta, pursuant to its charter, has the responsibility of providing water and service to its citizens, corporate customers and others outside the corporate boundaries of the City on both a retail and wholesale basis; and

WHEREAS, the City's water and sewer system is aging which has resulted in water main breaks and leaks and sewer line overflows; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to upgrade ,improve and expand the system to protect the public's health and welfare and to serve their needs; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 and 1999 the City agreed to a Consent Agreement with the EPA and the State to complete specified system improvements within a stated time period; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these improvements are such that resources are not available for construction within the existing water and sewer revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council have, after extensive research and analysis, concluded that to maintain and upgrade the water treatment and distribution system and the wastewater treatment and collection system to meet federal and state regulations and the future demands of economic growth in the City, a major program of capital improvements had to be initiated; and

WHEREAS, in late 1998, the City increased water and sewer rates to provide continued funding for the capital improvement program initiated in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the last increase of the 1998 three phase increase occurred in late 2000; and



WHEREAS, it is necessary for another water and sewer rate increase to be implemented to provided continued funding for the capital improvements begun in 1997 so that the capital improvement program can be completed within the time period agreed to in the Consent Agreement with the EPA and the State, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that rates be adjusted in three phases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1, That Chapter 154, Article III, Division 3 (Water Rates, Charges, and Relater Matters), Sections 154-111 and 154-112 be amended to increase water rates as follows:

That In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall continue to be \$1.70 per hundred cubic and Outside-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall continue to be \$2.06 per hundred cubic effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2002.

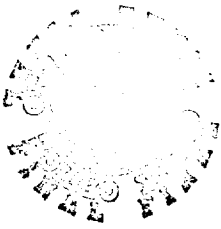
That In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$1.75 per hundred cubic and Outside-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$2.12 per hundred cubic effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2003.

That In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$1.80 per hundred cubic and Outside-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$2.18 per hundred cubic effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2004

SECTION 2, That Chapter 154, Article V, Division 3 (Sewer Rates and Charges), Sections 154-276 and 154-277 be amended to increase sewer rates as follows:

sewer rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$3.93 per hundred cubic feet effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2002.

That sewer rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$4.45 per hundred cubic feet effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2003



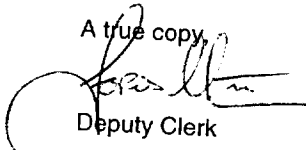
That sewer rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system shall be \$5.03 per hundred cubic feet effective for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3, That effective January 1, 2005 for all billing cycles beginning after January 1, 2005 and for each year thereafter water and sewer rates shall be increased based on the Consumer Price Index or other appropriate index for the preceding period not to exceed three percent (3%) per annum.

SECTION 4, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

OMC – Amendment Incorporated by tcp 12/13/01

A true copy,


Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED as amended by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

DEC 03, 2001
DEC 11, 2001



City of Atlanta
Rate Increase History
For Residential Customers

Analysis of Water and Sewer Rate Changes

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>AVERAGE BILL**</u>	<u>WATER INCREASE %</u>	<u>SEWER INCREASE %</u>
1993	1.65/ccf	1.45/ccf	31.09	0.00%	0.00%
1994	1.65/ccf	1.70/ccf	33.60	0.00%	17.24%
1995	1.65/ccf	1.95/ccf	36.10	0.00%	14.70%
1996	1.65/ccf	1.95/ccf	36.10	0.00%	14.70%
1997	1.65/ccf	2.29/ccf	39.52	0.00%	17.40%
1998	1.65/ccf	2.55/ccf	42.12	0.00%	11.00%
1999	1.65/ccf	2.97/ccf	46.34	0.00%	16.00%
2000	1.65/ccf	3.31/ccf	49.75	0.00%	11.00%
2001	1.70/ccf	3.40/ccf	51.15	3.00%	3.00%
2002	1.70/ccf	3.93/ccf	56.47	0.00%	15.60%
2003	1.75/ccf	4.45/ccf	62.18	3.00%	13.20%
2004	1.80/ccf	5.03/ccf	68.50	3.00%	13.00%

** Assumes usage of 7,500 gallons per month or 10.03 ccf per month.

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

01-O-1719 Amending Sewer Rates & Charges, to
 increase rates, etc.
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YEAS: 11
NAYS: 3
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

Y McCarty	NV Dorsey	N Moore	N Thomas
Y Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	Y Morris	Y Maddox	Y Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	N Boazman	NV Pitts

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An Ordinance by Councilmember
Clair Muller:

An Ordinance amending Chapter
154 Article III Division 3 Sections
154-111 and 154-112 (Water Rates
and Charges) and Chapter 154-
Article V Division 3 Sections 154-
276 and 154-277 (Sewer Rates and
Charges) to increase the Water and
Sewer Rates for the City of Atlanta,
Georgia to be charged all residents,
premises, and facilities served by
the Water and Sewer System of the
City and for other purposes.

ADOPTED BY
DEC 03 2001

COUNCIL

Substantive is amended

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 10/15/01

Referred To: City Utilities

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First Reading

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Date _____
Chair _____
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Chair _____
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Committee *City Utilities*
Date *11-27-01*
Chair *Clair Muller*
Action: _____
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
☒ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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DEC 3 2001

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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DEC 03 2001

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MAYOR'S ACTION

DEC 11 2001

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